



On appeal, U.S. tariffs again ruled to be illegal

Court agrees Trump overstepped his powers; fees stay as case goes on

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President Donald Trump's cornerstone economic policy was dealt another setback Friday when a federal appeals court ruled he did not have the authority to impose most of his sweeping tariffs on imports from dozens of trading partners.

Trump's tariffs will be allowed to remain in effect for now, to allow time for an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. U.S. Attorney General Pam Bondi tweeted Friday night that the Justice Department would appeal the decision.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit ruled 7-4 to uphold a lower court's decision that Trump overstepped his authority in using a 1977 law, the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA), to impose most of his tariffs. Historically, the emergency law has been used to impose economic sanctions in the case of threats against the country.

"The statute bestows significant authority on the President to undertake a number of actions in response to a declared national emergency, but none of these actions explicitly include the power to impose tariffs, duties, or the like, or the power to tax," a group of federal judges wrote in

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Displaced Palestinians flee Gaza City on Thursday toward the south as Israel maneuvers to seize the enclave's largest urban center.

A heavy choice in Gaza City: Flee or stay?

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TEL AVIV — For days, Ali Ahmed had been getting text messages from the Israeli army urging him to evacuate from Gaza City. The sound of Israeli artillery and demolition robots clearing buildings had grown louder, he recalled, and the explosions were now less than 100 yards from his tent. Still,

As Israel works to relocate nearly 1 million, residents wrestle with the costs and perils

the former cabbie was struggling with the hard calculus of whether to stay or go.

Hiring a donkey cart to move his family's mattresses and cooking pots to the southern edge of Gaza City would cost 800 shekels, or about \$240, Ahmed said. The onward trip

to the safe zone designated by the Israeli military farther south would cost much more. Setting up a wood-and-tarp tent would come out to 2,500 shekels, he figured.

In recent days, the Israeli military has launched an effort to drive nearly 1 million resi-

dents from Gaza City to a sprawling tent encampment in the southern Gaza Strip before sending in ground troops to seize the enclave's largest urban center. Although some Israeli officials have expressed confidence that Gaza City could be effectively evacuated, others have warned that some of the population, like Ahmed in the Saftawi neighborhood, may refuse to relinquish their

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D.C. tourism was already down. Enter the Guard.

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Canden Arciniega was not giving up on summer.

The chief operating officer of Tours by Foot had seen the company suffer setbacks in multiple cities, including D.C. The weather swung between sweltering hot and soaking wet. A decline in international tourism reduced the usual number of visitors. A tepid economy limited spending.

But Arciniega was hopeful for one last hurrah in the final weeks of school vacation. Then, on Aug. 11, President Donald Trump deployed the National Guard in the capital city. Hundreds of troops rolled in and fanned out in tourist areas such as the National Mall and Union Station.

"It has been a marked downturn since the National Guard showed up," said Arciniega, who has been canceling one or two of the eight to 10 walking tours scheduled each day because of a lack of bookings. "So timing-wise, it could be one of the major factors."

By several key indicators — marketing forecasts, street-level foot traffic, hotel occupancy — Washington's tourism economy is sliding. Analysts cite the city's battered image and mounting fears about security as key drivers. The sight of National Guard troops, now authorized to carry weapons, could further chill demand at a time when the industry can least afford it.

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Hacker unearthed key data in Tesla collision trial

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Years after a Tesla driver using Autopilot plowed into a young Florida couple in 2019, crucial electronic data detailing how the fatal wreck unfolded was missing. The information was key for a wrongful death case the survivor and the victim's family were building against Tesla, but the company said it didn't have the data.

Then a self-described hacker, enlisted by the plaintiffs to decode the contents of a chip they recovered from the vehicle, found it while sipping a Venti-size hot chocolate at a South Florida Starbucks. Tesla later said in court that it had the data on its own servers all along.

The hacker's discovery would become a key piece of evidence presented during a trial that began last month in Miami federal

court, which dissected the final moments before the collision and ended in a historic \$243 million verdict against the company.

The pivotal and previously unreported role of a hacker in accessing that information points to how valuable Tesla's data is when its futuristic technology is involved in a crash. While Tesla said it has produced similar data in other litigation, the Florida lawsuit reflects how a jury's perception of

Tesla's cooperation in recovering such data can play into a judgment in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

The company's driver-assistance technology includes features that automatically control a Tesla's speed and steering, and are programmed to react when an obstacle, such as another vehicle or a pedestrian, is in its path. Tesla CEO Elon Musk has referred to its

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Floodwaters from Hurricane Katrina pour through a levee in New Orleans on Aug. 30, 2005.

Hurricane Katrina's horrors still linger 20 years later

Visuals of an American catastrophe remain seared in collective memory

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Two decades ago, before Hurricane Katrina inflicted unprecedented devastation along the Gulf Coast, before it killed at least 1,392 people and displaced hundreds of thousands, before levees failed and floodwaters swallowed New Orleans, before the glaring lapses in the government response led to years of questions about how to better prepare for such disasters ... before all that, there was the anticipation of a Category 5 hurricane carving a path toward the Louisiana coast.

"This could be the storm that everyone feared," a front-page story in The Washington Post proclaimed on Aug. 29, 2005.

And it was. Twenty years after one of the country's most costly, deadly and transformative disasters, memories may fade and younger generations have no firsthand recollection of how Katrina unfolded. It becomes easier to forget what made the storm so catastrophic,

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